Representation from the President of the Tappers' Association.

55. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any request or representation was received by the Diwan from the President of the Tappers' Association, Kunnamkulam, for fixing up at least 2 days in the month of Karkadagam for issuing licenses to sweet toddy tappers; and, if so,

(b) what is the reply given to it;

(c) whether any similar request or representation was made to the Superintendent of Excise by the President of the Association; and, if so,

(d) what is the reply given to it, and whether a copy of it shall be placed on the table?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the order is appended. (*Vide Apppendix I.*)

(c) Yes.

(d) Copy of the reply is appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

The Chief Engineer's tour to Calcutta.

56. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether sanction has been accorded to the Chief Engineer to go to Calcutta in connection with the Mattancheri Water Scheme; and if so, the reason for same with the sanctioned expenditure?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. The object of the journey was for conducting trials of the water barge which was being built for the Government by Messrs. 'The Hooghly Docking and Engineering Co.' The travelling allowance, which was the only expenditure incurred in this connection, was Rs. 672—10—0.

Well-boring in Trichur.

57. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the special circumstances which led to the employment of Sirkar servants for boring a well or tank in the private house of a gentleman near Naickanal in Trichur;

(b) the name of the owner of the compound;

(c) whether there were no suitable public places wherein the experiment could have been conducted;

(d) what are the terms under which the Government has entered upon the land?

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide answer to Question No. 55.)

Dis. No. 2876/D/02.

Office of the Diwan of Cochin,
Revenue Department,
(Separate Revenue),
17th May 1927.

Memo.

Reference:—Letter dated 7th May 1927, from Mr. K. T. Mathew, Member, Legislative Council and President, Tappers' Association, Kunnamkulam, regarding the issue of tapping licenses.

Mr. Mathew is requested to address the Excise Superintendent in the matter.

(By order)
(Sd). Secretary to the Diwan.

To

Mr. K. T. Mathew, B. A., B. L., Member, Legislative Council and President, Tappers' Association, Oriental Buildings, Armenian Street, Madras.

APPENDIX II.

(Vide answer to Question No. 55.)

Letter, dated 20th Mithunam 1102, P. No. 1181/02, from the Superintendent of Excise Revenue to Mr. K. T. Mathew.

"With reference to your letters, dated 28th May and 30th June 1927, regarding facilities to be given to jaggery tappers of Kunnamkulam for obtaining licenses for 1103, I have the honour to inform you that I camped at Kunnamkulam on the 18th Mithunam 1102 and heard the representation of Mr. Mathan, who is said to be the Secretary of the above Association, in the presence of the Talappalli Excise Inspector and the Kunnamkulam aminadar. I have issued necessary instructions to the Inspector and the aminadar, for giving all facilities to the jaggery tappers for obtaining licenses. The aminadar will be comping at the most important jaggery-tapping centres and the Talappalli Inspector at Kunnamkulam from the end of the 1st week of Karkadagam. They were asked to give due notice of the places of their camping to the tapping public".

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